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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by: (INS)

## AN ACT REDUCING THE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 12-202 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2006, and
- 3 applicable to income years commencing on or after January 1, 2006):
- Each domestic insurance company shall, annually, pay a tax on the
- 5 total net direct premiums received by such company during the
- 6 calendar year next preceding from policies written on property or risks
- 7 located or resident in this state. The rate of tax on all net direct
- 8 insurance premiums received on and after January 1, 1995, shall be one
- 9 and three-quarters per cent, except that for income years commencing
- on or after January 1, 2006, but prior to January 1, 2007, such rate shall
- 11 <u>be one and one-quarter per cent, for income years commencing on or</u>
- 12 after January 1, 2007, but prior to January 1, 2008, such rate shall be
- one per cent, and for income years commencing on or after January 1,
- 14 2008, such rate shall be one-half of one per cent. The franchise tax
- 15 imposed under this section on premium income for the privilege of
- doing business in the state is in addition to the tax imposed under
- 17 chapter 208. In the case of any local domestic insurance company the

admitted assets of which as of the end of an income year do not exceed ninety-five million dollars, eighty per cent of the tax paid by such company under chapter 208 during such income year reduced by any refunds of taxes paid by such company and granted under said chapter within such income year and eighty per cent of the assessment paid by such company under section 38a-48, as amended, during such income year shall be allowed as a credit in the determination of the tax under this chapter payable with respect to total net direct premiums received during such income year, provided that these two credits shall not reduce the tax under this chapter to less than zero, and provided further in the case of a local domestic insurance company which is a member of an insurance holding company system, as defined in section 38a-129, these credits shall apply if the total admitted assets of the local domestic insurance company and its affiliates, as defined in said section, do not exceed two hundred fifty million dollars or, in the alternative, in the case of a local domestic insurance company which is a member of an insurance holding company system, as defined in section 38a-129, these credits shall apply only if total direct written premiums are derived from policies issued or delivered in Connecticut, on risk located in Connecticut and, as of the end of the income year the company and its affiliates have admitted assets minus unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses that are also discounted for federal and state tax purposes and which for said local domestic insurance company and its affiliates, as defined in said section do not exceed two hundred fifty million dollars.

- Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 12-202a of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2006, and applicable to income years commencing on or after January 1, 2006):
- (a) Each health care center, as defined in section 38a-175, that is governed by sections 38a-175 to 38a-192, inclusive, shall pay a tax to the Commissioner of Revenue Services for the calendar year commencing on January 1, 1995, and annually thereafter, at the rate of

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one and three-quarters per cent of the total net direct subscriber 51 52 charges received by such health care center during each such calendar 53 year on any new or renewal contract or policy approved by the 54 Insurance Commissioner under section 38a-183, except that for income 55 years commencing on or after January 1, 2006, but prior to January 1, 56 2007, such rate shall be one and one-quarter per cent, for income years 57 commencing on or after January 1, 2007, but prior to January 1, 2008, 58 such rate shall be one per cent, and for income years commencing on 59 or after January 1, 2008, such rate shall be one-half of one per cent. 60 Such payment shall be in addition to any other payment required 61 under section 38a-48, as amended.

- Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 12-210 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2006, and applicable to income years commencing on or after January 1, 2006):
- 66 (b) Each insurance company incorporated by or organized under 67 the laws of any other state or foreign government and doing business 68 in this state shall, annually, on and after January 1, 1995, pay to said 69 Commissioner of Revenue Services, in addition to any other taxes 70 imposed on such company or its agents, a tax of one and three-71 quarters per cent of all net direct premiums received by such company 72 in the calendar year next preceding from policies written on property 73 or risks located or resident in this state, excluding premiums for ocean 74 marine insurance, and, upon ceasing to transact new business in this 75 state, shall continue to pay a tax upon the renewal premiums derived 76 from its business remaining in force in this state at the rate which was 77 applicable when such company ceased to transact new business in this 78 state, except that for income years commencing on or after January 1, 79 2006, but prior to January 1, 2007, such rate shall be one and one-80 quarter per cent, for income years commencing on or after January 1, 2007, but prior to January 1, 2008, such rate shall be one per cent, and 81 82 for income years commencing on or after January 1, 2008, such rate 83 shall be one-half of one per cent.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2006, and applicable to income years commencing on or after January 1, 2006	12-202
Sec. 2	July 1, 2006, and applicable to income years commencing on or after January 1, 2006	12-202a(a)
Sec. 3	July 1, 2006, and applicable to income years commencing on or after January 1, 2006	12-210(b)

## Statement of Purpose:

To reduce the insurance premium tax over a period of three income years from the current rate of one and three-quarters per cent.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]